

Genesis LHRC Meeting
February 12, 2007 (approved minutes)

Present: Reginald Daye, Regional Advocate

Committee: Lisa Thatcher, Chairperson
Brenda Hogg, Committee Member
Carol Kidd, Committee Member
Patrick Shunkwiler, Committee Member
Arva Davidson, Committee Member

Participants: Francis Bruce, Alpha Community Services
Charlie Anderson, Eggleston Services
Julia Tolly, Individuals First, Inc.
Jennifer MacCracken, Individuals First, Inc.
Gayle Hardy-Boyd, Just People, Inc.
Lawrence Batiste, Pleasant Vue
Cheryl Wright, Liberty Family Services
Cary Lomax, Community Direct Services
C. Arbas, Spectrum Human Services
Irvin Ward, Spectrum Human Services
Walt Stone, Cornerstone Service Intervention Systems, LLC
Georgina Simmons, Hope, Unity, and Freedom, LLC
Robert Edmonson, Reliable Community Care
Yvonne Edmonson, Reliable Community Care

Absent: Jeanette Ralph, Committee Member

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:10am by Brenda Hogg. The meeting minutes of the November 7th meeting were reviewed and changes were requested.

A motion was made by Ms. Kidd to accept the minutes of the November meeting with the changes made, seconded by Ms. Thatcher and unanimously passed.

Advocate Remarks

Mr. Daye announced that the Human Rights conference that was cancelled from last fall is scheduled for September 7, 2007. The conference will either be held in Richmond or Charlottesville. There will be a welcoming reception on Thursday September 6th from 7 – 9pm.

You can find information on the state DMHMRSAS website about their newsletter *Human Writes* and minutes from LHRC meetings.

There will be a luncheon in the spring in Richmond to recognize LHRC committee members. Each committee should send a representative to accept the award, information about who will be attending needs to be mailed by March 1st. Mr. Shunkwiler volunteered to go to the luncheon.

The Genesis LHRC, with the possible addition of the three new providers requesting affiliation, is now full. Three new committees are in the process of being formed as there are numerous programs looking for affiliation. Programs may receive a temporary affiliation and remain in that LHRC or they may be asked to move to a new committee.

Old Business

Pleasant Vue stated that they do not have a completed behavior plan for their client as the individual's LAR has been unable to attend and assist in the process. Details to be discussed in the closed session.

Spectrum Human Services sent changes to behavior management plan and rules of conduct to committee members and OHR. All requested changes to the behavior management plan have been completed. The Rules of Conduct were presented. A request was made to add a space for the LAR or guardian to sign if the individual is unable to give consent. **A motion was made by Ms. Davidson to accept the Rules of Conduct with the addition of the LAR/guardian signature space; Ms. Hogg seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed.**

New Business

The 2007 meeting schedule was set for May 1st, August 7th, and November 6th.

Ms. Thatcher made the suggestion to have the new programs present at the end of the program updates.

Program Updates

Alpha Community Services stated that they had no changes in their program, no restraints, no deaths or suicides, and no complaints or allegations. Alpha is awaiting a licensing visit and therefore is requesting an additional 90-day temporary affiliation of their second site at 524 Glen Rock Rd. in Norfolk. Alpha needs to send their restraint/seclusion report to Marion Greenfield. **Mr. Shunkwiler made a motion to grant Alpha a 90-day temporary affiliation for their new site; Ms. Hogg seconded the motion. All members were in favor, the motion passed.**

Community Direct Services stated that they have had no licensure visits, and no incidents of restraints, complaints, allegations, deaths or suicides. They wish to add two new programs, personal assistance and companionship. At this time, they have not sent their letter to OHR informing them of their intent to expand; therefore they will not be able to make a request of the LHRC at this meeting. They are currently providing in home services to 15 clients and 4 in respite services.

Eggleston Services stated that there were no new program updates; no requests of the committee; and no deaths or suicides. In December, they had a licensure visit. Eggleston Services are currently serving 211 consumers. Eggleston stated they had 4 incidents that needed to be discussed in closed session. Eggleston Services had faxed their restraint/seclusion report to Marion Greenfield.

Individuals First stated they had no program updates, no licensure visits, no incidents of restraints, no complaints/allegations of abuse; and no deaths or suicides. They are currently serving 12 clients, 4 in each group home. Individuals First has not sent their restraint/seclusion report, but will do so today.

Just People stated that they had no program updates, no incidents of restraints, no complaints/allegations of abuse and no deaths or suicides. They have not sent their restraint/seclusion report to Marion Greenfield but will do so today. JPI is requesting a temporary affiliation for Corkwood II. **Ms. Davidson made a motion to grant a 90-day temporary affiliation for Just People's Corkwood II group home; MS. Kidd seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed.**

Liberty Family Services stated that they are currently serving 18 clients in their in home program. They have had no use of restraints and no deaths or suicides. There was 1 complaint/allegation which will be discussed in the closed session. They are currently awaiting a licensure visit for their intensive in home program and are requesting an additional 90-day temporary affiliation for an intensive in home program. **Ms. Hogg made a motion to grant a 90-day temporary affiliation for an intensive in home program; Mr. Shunkwiler seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was passed.**

Pleasant Vue has had no changes and are currently serving 4 clients. They had no use of restraints and no deaths or suicides this quarter. They had no licensure visits, no program updates or request of the LHRC. They had 3 complaints by the same individual which will be discussed in closed session.

Spectrum Human Services stated that they had a visit from their licensing specialist, Barry Lee on 2/12. Mr. Lee will be returning on Thursday for a final approval. **A motion was made by Ms. Davidson, seconded by Ms. Kidd to grant a 90-day temporary affiliation for Spectrum. All were in favor the motion passed.**

New Programs

Hope, Unity and Freedom presented their program. They are currently serving 125 clients in Richmond and are opening a site in Newport News. They will be serving adults with Mental Health disorders as well as dually diagnosed persons in a center based day program with hours of operation from 8am – 5pm Monday through Saturday. This program can serve up to 65 individuals. Their Human Rights policies and procedures have already been approved by Region IV. Mr. Daye's office will also be reviewing the policies and procedures. The Rules of Conduct and behavior management policies were passed out to committee members for review and presentation at next meeting. They are currently in need of a site visit by licensure and are requesting a 90-day temporary affiliation. **Ms. Hogg made a motion to grant Hope, Unity, and Freedom a 90-day temporary affiliation; Ms. Davidson seconded the motion. No discussion, the motion passed. Ms. Kidd made a motion to accept the HR policies and procedure; Ms. Hogg seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.**

Cornerstone Service Intervention Systems presented their program. They will be providing intensive in home services for children (ages 3 – 18) and their families. The program will be providing services to persons with Mental Health disorders and a LPC will oversee the plans of care. They are currently not scheduled for a site visit from licensure. They will be located on Haygood Rd in Virginia Beach. **Ms. Davidson made a motion to grant Cornerstone a temporary 90-day affiliation; Ms. Hogg seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed.** The word “seclusion” needs to be removed from the behavior management plan. A request was made to add more about the individuals’ expectations in the Rules of Conduct, remove numbers 4 and 5, and add parent/guardian signature space. It requested that Cornerstone bring back the Rules of Conduct at the May meeting. **Ms. Kidd made a motion to accept the HR policies and procedures and behavior management plan with the changes of removing “use of seclusion”; Mr. Shunkwiler seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.**

Reliable Community Care presented their program. They will be serving dually diagnosed clients with a primary diagnosis of Mental Retardation in a residential setting. The address of their group home site is 5404 Mentieth Ct., VB 23464. They can serve 4 adult clients at their site. Mr. Daye stated that their Human Rights policies and procedures and their behavior management plan meet the minimum requirements. They presented their Rules of Conduct and it was suggested to rework number 1, numbers 3 and 4 be omitted and number 5 needs to be more specific. **Ms. Davidson made a motion to grant Reliable Community Care a 90-day temporary affiliation; Ms. Kidd seconded the motion. All in favor motion passed. Ms. Kidd made a motion to accept the HR policies and procedures and behavior management plan; Ms. Hogg seconded the motion.** The Rules of Conduct will be reworked and submitted to OHR and the committee members and represented at the May meeting.

A motion was made to move to a closed session. No further discussion, all were in favor. The committee moved into closed session to discuss issues/matters exempt from public disclosure as stated in Section 2.2-3711.A4 of the Code of Virginia, to review client restraints, incident reports, and abuse and/or complaint investigations of Eggleston Services, Liberty Family Services, and Pleasant Vue. A motion was made and passed to come out of closed session, each member certified that the only things discussed while in closed session were patient-related issues and incidents that occurred at Eggleston Services, Liberty Family Services and Pleasant Vue.

The board members had no recommendations for Eggleston Services, Liberty Family Services, or Pleasant Vue.

Meeting adjourned at 12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer MacCracken

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